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Zepnick calls for meeting with Milwaukee local officials to address response on displaced Cargill workers

Renews call for redeveloping city garages and garbage dumps in Menomonee Valley

Milwaukee – Rep. Josh Zepnick today called for a meeting with Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, Aldermen Jose Perez and Bob Donovan, and the Milwaukee Department of City Development to establish a plan to help the workers displaced by the Cargill meat processing facility closing, as well address the long-term and long overdue redevelopment of city owned properties next to Cargill facilities and Potawatomi's Casino and Hotel.

“While the closing of the Cargill plant is painful, it is critical to immediately develop a plan to help dislocated workers. I am calling for a meeting with Mayor Barrett, Aldermen Perez and Donovan to develop a real plan to assist these workers. State support from the Department of Workforce Development and the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation will be critical to our success,” Zepnick added, noting the huge amount of state dollars invested in the Valley: Canal Street, Miller Park, Marquette Interchange, Sixth Street Bridge, various tax credits for jobs, DNR cleanup and DOT bike trails, etc.

“The best way over the long haul to help displaced workers is stronger job creation. I renew my call for city-owned land, namely garages and garbage dumps, in the Menomonee Valley and using Tax Incremental Financing for either a new Arena, or other taxpaying, job creating investment that compliments the access to I-94, public transit, Amtrak, Marquette, and Downtown Milwaukee entertainment and shopping destinations.

Representative Zepnick started his career in public service, helping to raising money for HIRE center programs and getting dislocated workers new jobs and also serves on the Governor’s Council on Workforce Investment. Zepnick has requested a meeting with Governor Walker’s staff about the request for Cargill workers. HIRE Center is run by MATC with support from labor unions and State DWD funding:

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